



SPRING 2015 YSEALI ACADEMIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

Institute on Environmental Issues (May – June)

Deadline for Applications: January 30, 2015

You are invited to apply to the [Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative \(YSEALI\) Academic Fellows Institute on Environmental Issues](#), which will be hosted by the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The YSEALI Academic Fellows Institute on Environmental Issues is open to young leaders from all 10 ASEAN countries, aged 18-25, who are current undergraduate/graduate students or recently graduated. President Obama's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative aims to strengthen leadership development and networking in ASEAN, deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and young Southeast Asian leaders.

The YSEALI Academic Fellows Institute on Environmental Issues is an intensive short term academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The five-week Institutes will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The coursework and classroom activities will be complemented by educational travel, site visits, leadership activities, and volunteer opportunities within the local community. The Institutes will include an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic study tour of approximately one week. During the academic residency, participants will also have the opportunity to engage in educational and cultural activities outside of the classroom.

The four week academic residency will explore the role that environmental policy has played in the economic and political development of the United States. The Institute will use experiential learning techniques to expose participants to current themes in the field, including natural resource management, sustainable development/sustainable agricultural practices, food security, ecotourism, energy generation (new and traditional forms), and water management and treatment. The issues will be explored from numerous angles: local grassroots activism and civic initiatives, market-oriented approaches, and federal government policies and regulation. Finally, the Institute will explore environmental issues in the context of a globalized society, and draw comparisons between the United States and the participants' home countries. Fellows will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders, and representatives of non-profit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational tour that will take participants to Colorado where they will meet with local, state, private, and nonprofit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, D.C. Information on the program can be found at <http://www.susieastwestcenter.com/>.



Program participants MUST:

- Between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of application;
- A full-time undergraduate student from college, university, or other institutions of higher learning; or have graduated in the past four years;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English;
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university, place of work, and/or community;
- Demonstrate interest, knowledge, or professional experience in Environmental Issues
- Demonstrate a commitment or interest in community service, volunteerism, or mentorship;
- Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States and ASEAN as a region;
- Be willing to actively participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and study tour;
- Have a commitment to return to their home country to apply leadership skills and training to benefit their community, country, or the ASEAN region; and
- Preferably have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States.

The Academic Fellows Institute on Environmental Issues is open to Citizens and permanent residents of Brunei (from the ASEAN region) aged 18-25 from Brunei.

For information about applying, send an email to the U.S. Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan at: EmbassyBruneiPAS@state.gov!

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